## **Ⅲ** Collection and Analysis of Information

JPEC is collecting and providing domestic and overseas information on petroleum and energy-related industries for contributing to devise policies, management strategies and technology development plans concerning petroleum and other energy sources. Specifically, we conduct surveys on environment-related regulations trend, the overseas petroleum industry movement for the purpose of strengthening the competitiveness of Japanese refineries, with grasping user needs accurately, and researching with expertise through international conferences and long-term dispatch of researchers.

## 1. Information Collection Related Activities

- (1) We collect information from websites, available literature concerning to petroleum-related technology, policy, demand trends, environmental and safety regulations both in Japan and overseas (Europe, United States, China, etc.). The collected information and analysis reports are known to public by e-mails.
- (2) In major overseas area (Europe, United States, China, etc.), our researchers on long-term dispatch conduct interviews

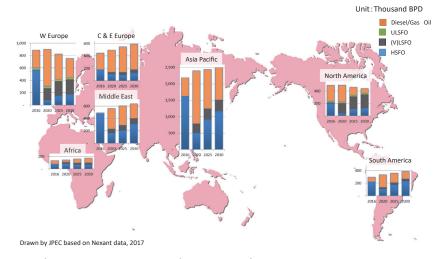


International conference with European petroleum organizations

to companies, research institutions and stakeholders in the area. They participate in conference or join to the seminars held in the area to obtain detail information on policy in petroleum, petroleum and refining technology development, and conduct deep analysis of the collected information. We report the collected information and deep analysis to supporting members and related industries through the JPEC Forum, our in-house magazine (JPEC News) and special research associations.

## 2. Petroleum Trend Research Activities

- (1) We conduct information surveys to facilitate environmental regulations and air quality improvement, such as IMO marine fuel sulfur regulation and fuel quality regulations in next-generation automobiles.
- (2) We conduct also information surveys for the sake of devising oil energy policies and strategies for issue faced by the domestic petroleum industry such as improving international competitiveness of domestic refineries and establishing an energy security system.



World fuel oil demand outlook from marine fuel oil demand and supply survey